



Cora A. Steele

September 14, 1921 - December 22, 2017

Cora Parsons Steele, 96, passed from this temporary earthly home to her eternal home in heaven on December 22, 2017. Cora was born September 14, 1921 in Hollybrook, VA. She was the daughter of Andrew and Mae Day Parsons. While working at the Radford Army arsenal she met and married her husband Roy Cutter Steele.

Cora was an extraordinary woman. She grew up in tough times but managed to always be full of love and compassion. She was a wonderful wife, an exceptional mother, a grandmother (MawMaw) that children dream of having and a beloved great grandmother. Cora loved God, her country, and her family. She enjoyed telling stories, being visited by her many nieces, nephews and cousins, watching FOX News, helping others, and playing cards.

She lived life to the fullest through simple pleasures. Material possessions never were a focus for her. She was a selfless woman who would help out anyone, however she could. Her positive attitude and the helping of others were traits she put forth for all to see. Church was an important part of her life. She was a dedicated Christian who took pleasure in being involved and giving back to others in any way possible. She was a charter member of the Maple View Church of Christ. While all programs and church service aspects were important to her, two were her favorites. One was the ladies Bible class which she attended faithfully. The other was the visits her church circle made on a regular basis to the Veteran's hospital in Beckley, WV. She loved talking with the veterans, playing bingo, bringing them food, and other necessities.

She loved her country, and always proudly displayed that support for all to witness. A part of this comes from her background as a "Rosie the Riveter" during the WW II conflict. Cora worked with the assembling of aircraft at the Bellanca aircraft corporation in Delaware. She was proud of her "Rosie" display, which still resides, in the Princeton WV War Museum, and of the Bluefield Daily Telegraph article which was published in the Prerogative magazine.

Cora's family is extremely grateful for all the care givers who so diligently looked after her, and supplied the love and care she needed. Also, a special word of thanks to Dr. Nancy Lohius and her staff for always being there when Cora needed them. We are so very lucky to have had Cora in our lives for so long, but going on without

her will be a tremendous task. She will be remembered for generations to come and her faith and values have been imprinted on our hearts.

In addition to her parents Cora was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Cutter Steele, daughter Nora Rolanda Lawson, granddaughter, Jane Lawson, seven brothers and four sisters.

Cora is survived by her daughters, Pamela King, and husband Wayne King of Roanoke, VA., Deborah Burton and husband Danny Burton of Princeton, WV.

Her grandkids and great grandkids were very special her. They are; Grandsons; Kris King of Roanoke, VA, Andy Burton (Michelle) of Millstadt, IL, Granddaughters; Dana Burton Strote(Ken)of Johnsburg, IL, Ashleigh Burton Fields (Marshall) of St. Albans, WV. Great granddaughters Casey Strote, Riley Burton, and Scarlett Fields. Great grandsons Noah Strote and Ethan Burton.

Funeral services will be Wednesday December 27, 2017 at 2:00 PM at Maple View Church of Christ with Minister Tony Reed Officiating. The family will receive friends at the church from 12 noon until the service hour. Burial will follow at Monte Vista Park Cemetery.

Family and friends will serve as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest memorial donations be made to Maple View Church of Christ, 194 Robin Nest Rd. Bluefield, WV 24701, or the Veterans Hospital, 200 Veterans Ave, Beckley, WV. 25801

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting www.mercerfuneralhome.com

Mercer Funeral Home of Bluefield is serving the Steele family.

Cemetery

Monte Vista Park Cemetery

Bluefield, WV, 24701

Events

DEC 27 **Visitation** 12:00PM - 02:00PM

Maple View Church of Christ
WV, US

DEC 27 **Funeral Service** 02:00PM

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Comments



“ We are very sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My mom, Imogene Carbaugh, loved to call her and catch up on the phone after we moved our parents to Missouri. And she enjoyed seeing her during a visit to West Virginia...and I enjoyed hearing all her stories! You have our prayers during this tough time.

Marilyn (Carbaugh) and Steve Cook
St. Louis, Missouri

Marilyn Cook - January 02, 2018 at 11:54 AM



“ We are so saddened about the passing of your precious Mother. We loved her. She had a quiet spirit and she had the ability to laugh and to make others laugh. She was a wonderful aunt.

Her nieces from MD.

Mary Crawford, Faye Smith, Betty Reckley, and Margaret Smith

faye smith - December 28, 2017 at 05:21 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear of Mrs. Steele. My mother (Nancy Blackburn) and her would talk on the phone for hours and make the world right according to them. My mom did think so much of Mrs. Steele. I pray they are together just chatting away!

Robyn Phillips - December 27, 2017 at 11:38 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. She was a wonderful person and neighbor. She often put a small flag on my dad's grave site to honor him as a veteran.

We very much appreciated her thoughtfulness, especially since we live in Knoxville, TN.

Prayers for you. Dora Hager and Robin Hager.

Robin Hager - December 27, 2017 at 10:52 PM



“ So sorry for the loss of your dear mother. Hearts ache for you at this time and prayers for comfort from our Heavenly Father. Delores Linkous Jones

Delores Jones - December 27, 2017 at 10:52 AM



“ Dearest family, you are in my thoughts and prayers during this time of grief! I am sad Aunt Cora has left this Earth, but I rejoice knowing she is whole again and in Heaven! Hold the sweet memories God has allowed us to have!! Love you all!!

Jill Teetor - December 27, 2017 at 04:12 AM



“ Jill Teetor sent a virtual gift in memory of Cora A. Steele



Jill Teetor - December 27, 2017 at 04:09 AM



“ My dear family, my heart breaks that Aunt Cora has left this Earth, but rejoices that she is whole again and in Heaven. I feel so blessed to have had such an amazing woman in my life. I am sending you all my love and prayers to guide you and hold you in the days ahead. God gave us the ability to have our sweet memories and boy do we all have SWEET ones!! May you feel God's loving arms around you! Love you all!!

Jill Teetor - December 27, 2017 at 04:07 AM



“ I had the pleasure to be a caregiver for Ms Cora for 4 months. She was a unique lady and so much fun to be with. Ms Cora shared so many of her memories of her childhood and early yrs of her marriage with me. On one occasion she got out her dairy that she had written in while she was dating. I will always remember her laughing well we both had a few good laughs. Ms Cora left footprints on my heart that will last a lifetime. Will always love you Ms Cora

Shelia Smith - December 23, 2017 at 09:49 PM